

FRANK FINCH'S RELIABLE SEEDS

LIKE
THE SUN

NEVER FAIL TO COME UP.

Finch's Seeds Are Just What the Name Indicates—You Can Depend Upon Them. They Are as Sure to Come Up as the Sun. They Not Only Grow, But They Produce Something Worth Growing.

February 1, 1905.

Respected Friend:

Another year has passed, and I again have the pleasure of mailing you my modest little catalogue.

I hope and have good reason to believe, that the seeds which I sent out to my customers in the past have proved so Good and True that those receiving them will feel like seeding me their order again this season.

One thing I am sure of and that is I have endeavored to fill every order which I have received in a careful honest manner, giving good reliable seeds, well filled packets, and using a better, stronger, and more expensive mailing envelope than any other firm in the United States.

Being unable to find anything in the market which I considered good enough to use in mailing my seeds I have for several years made my own mailing envelopes. In this way I use the best and strongest paper, have a special pattern of my own, unlike anything used by any other seedsmen. Using heavier and stronger envelopes my seeds reach distant points in far better condition than if mailed the ordinary way. It costs me twice as much to mail my seeds in this manner, but I am as anxious to deliver my seeds in good condition as I am to sell them. I do not believe in a deal that is all one sided. I want to give every person their money's worth, I want them satisfied. People who have never dealt with me and who write for a catalogue may feel somewhat disappointed because they do not receive from me a large, expensive book, filled with colored pictures and a bewildering list of varieties. In the season of 1902 I sent out my little catalogue in its present form as an experiment.

Before deciding upon this change I had considerable conversation with some of the leading seedsmen in regard to the advisability of adopting such a radical change from former methods.

My claim was that the old way of getting up a mammoth catalogue was very expensive and being very heavy cost a large sum for mailing, or getting it in the customer's hands. Of course all must admit that this expense must come out of the customer's pocket.

Another claim I made was that nearly every catalogue published to-day contained a large list of varieties that never should be sold to anyone. Seedsmen have an old "Hobby" of offering a very large list to select from knowing very well that it gives them the "appearance" of doing a "big" business. Some claim that they have been doing business for over One Hundred years, others have the finest seed establishment in the world, those who happen to live in the northern part of the United States claim great things for northern grown seeds, while those who are selling seeds in the southern states claim that seeds to be right should come from the South, claiming they will be earlier, while those who put up their seeds near Boston claim that seeds, like Baked Beans, to be genuine should be sent out from the "hub" of the universe, while some who happen to reside in the central part of the country claim for their seeds a combination of all the virtues claimed by the others.

My friends in the business whom I consulted laughed at me at the thoughts of getting out a small catalogue and told me that it would not pay me, as people were continually looking for something new and if I were to send out a strictly honest catalogue it would not be appreciated. Contrary to the opinion of some of the best men in the trade I decided to send out several thousand little catalogues and carefully noted the result. After the returns commenced to come in it did not take me long to decide in favor of the little catalogue. The average amounts received in the letters were more than I expected, and people seemed to like the idea of fewer varieties and all good ones. Some called it the business man's catalogue, one man said it didn't take an hour to find what one wanted, and really everybody seemed pleased with the idea.

My plan of selling seeds is this: I offer only the best varieties, culling out everything poor, giving everyone a good bargain and taking lots of care to deliver my seeds to my customers in the best manner possible. My customers always have "Good Luck" for the reason that I do not offer anything to them that I would not use myself.

Trusting that I may receive your valued order, which will have my careful and immediate attention, I remain,

Yours truly,

Frank Finch

BE SURE AND ADDRESS PLAINLY:

FRANK FINCH, Lock Box 2, Clyde, Wayne Co., N. Y.

Finch's New Golden Andalusia

NEW GOLDEN ANDALUSIA BEAN Wax Bean.



In introducing this new bean, we believe we have the most valuable pole variety ever offered. It originated at Andalusia, Bucks Co., Pennsylvania, with a celebrated bean grower. Our illustration, made from nature, gives some idea of their wonderful productiveness, it being nothing unusual to pick over one-half bushel from a single vine at one picking. The pods are broad, thick, very fleshy, and entirely stringless, far surpassing all other varieties in this respect, and retaining these important qualities until almost ripe. The pods when fully grown are five to six inches long, exceedingly rich, buttery, and fine flavored when cooked. The vines cling well to the poles, a very important feature, as on account of their enormous productiveness, the weight of a vine filled with such a mass of large pods is very great. They commence bearing their magnificent pods in great abundance when the vines are quite young, and continue to bear profusely the entire season. The beans, when dry, also make a fine shell or winter bean. In great productiveness, fine quality, and ever-bearing character they stand unequalled by any other bean in the world. I wish to say that I have tested in my own garden all of the best Pole Beans I could get, and I have found that the Golden Andalusia is the best, in fact it is the only one I plant for my own use. Price, per package, 10 cents; three for 25 cents.

HOW TO REMIT.

When ordering anything from this little circular, I would prefer to have you get a Postoffice Money Order for the amount if it is convenient for you to do so; if this cannot be done, then procure an Express Money Order, and if you are unable to get either, enclose the money in a well sealed envelope and get the letter registered. Good clean postage stamps will be accepted, but remember that I receive twice as many stamps as I need for use in my business, and would prefer almost anything else sent in payment. If you have no other way of remitting, then send stamps, and I will receive them the same as cash.

MONEY ORDER PANSY.

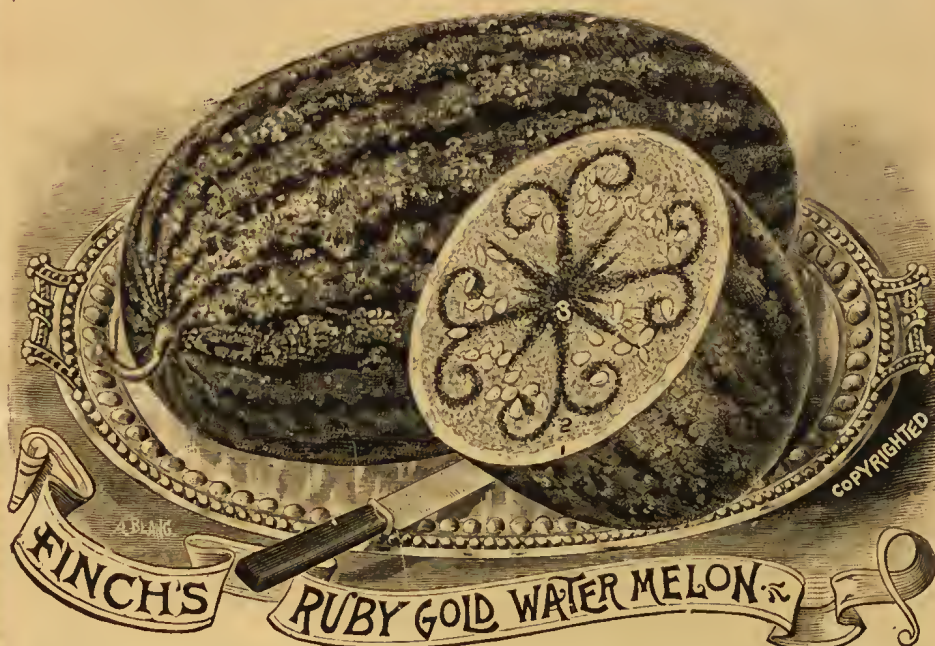


The Pansy is, everywhere and with everybody, a very popular flower. Its modest and innate sweetness endears it to the heart of young and old alike. It gives an abundance of bloom until after severe frosts, endures our hard winters with safety, and greets us in the early spring with a profusion of bright blossoms.

A bed of Pansies in bloom always has something new for you, in variety of color and marking, every time you visit it.

Choicest colors, mixed, packet, 10 cents. I will present a packet FREE to anyone who remits by Postoffice Money Order, providing they ask for it at the time they send their order.

Finch's Ruby Gold Watermelon.



The finest melon ever introduced. In shape it is long, often two feet or more, and frequently weighs as high as sixty pounds, though its average weight is about forty pounds each. Its flesh is solid, pure golden yellow, variegated with streaks, and layers of bright pink or ruby red, which often appear in a star-shaped form. This makes it at once the most beautiful, odd and novel melon ever seen. It is also as much superior to other melons in quality as it is in beauty. It has a sweetness and lusciousness which no other melon possesses, being tender and melts in the mouth like ice cream without a particle of core or stringy substance. It is very juicy and does not lose its flavor when it becomes over-ripe like most sorts. It is solid to the center, and ripens close to the rind, which is very thin. It is a hardy, robust grower, medium early and sure to give a good crop. Large pkt., 10 ets.; 3 for 25 ets.



CORAL GEM BOUQUET PEPPER.

The illustration above falls to do justice to this beautiful little variety; it is impossible in an engraving to show how completely covered are the little plants with hundreds of the small bright red Peppers. The single Pepper illustrated is of natural size and so thickly set on the dwarf plants as to give each plant the appearance of a *Bouquet of Corals*. As a potted plant for florists it has proved a most rapid selling article, for besides its great beauty it serves the housekeeper most conveniently when the pods are wanted for seasoning. The peppers are intensely hot and piquant. Per pkt., 10 ets.; 3 pkts. for 25 ets.

Strasburg Radish.



STRASBURG RADISH.

This excellent radish which was introduced to the public several years ago has proven to be one of the most valuable summer radishes in cultivation. The engraving shows their shape, which is half long. Flesh pure snow white, tender and of a pleasant, pungent taste, without being strong. It can be used in six weeks from the time of sowing, when it has reached two-thirds of its size; it continues to grow without losing its superior quality, and can be used for a month or more afterward, and continues in fine edible condition at all times afterward, during growth. Large pkt., 10 ets.; 3 for 25 ets.

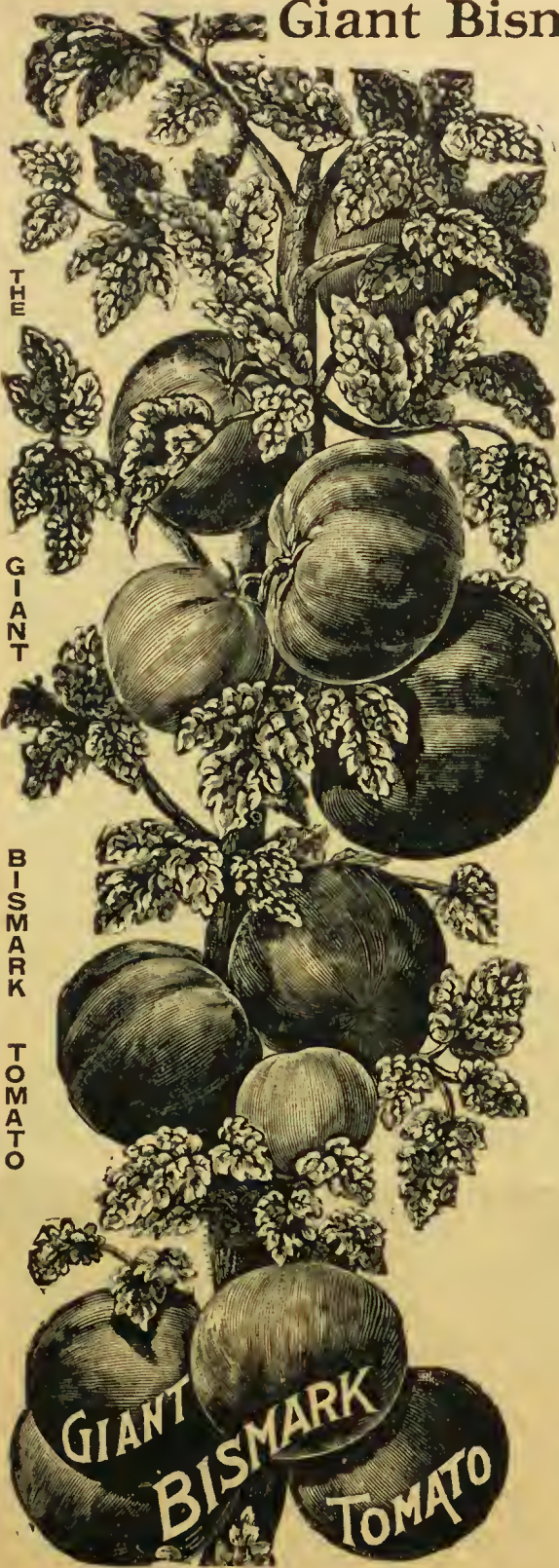
Giant Bismark Tomato.

THE

GIANT

BISMARK

TOMATO



It is remarkable what great progress has been made in the past few years in the improvement of the Tomato. What a contrast with the old-fashioned, small, ill-shaped, sour specimens of a few years ago are the large, smooth, sweet fruits now so easily grown by every one who will invest a few cents for Seed. Great rivalry exists in localities as to who can raise the earliest or the largest Tomatoes. I offer in the Giant Bismark Tomato the greatest novelty in this line, and whoever grows this tomato according to directions printed on each package will surely have an attraction well worth looking at, something that will draw all eyes toward their garden. The Giant Bismark Tomato needs a support to climb upon, when they will grow from six to ten feet high, bearing fruit all along the vine from the ground up. The letter from Mr. Musser shows that he grew one vine 14 feet high. Just imagine for one moment such a sight. This tomato grows to weigh from one to three pounds each, and in size 8 to 16 inches in circumference.

The fruits of this tomato are sound to the core, with very few seeds. The flavor is all that could be desired. The vine is an ever bearing one, growing fruits until cut by the frost.

These tomatoes can be grown on the garden fence, on the sunny side of a house or outbuilding, or in any position where a support is provided. The more public the situation the more they will be seen and admired.

Read what people say who have grown this Tomato.

"From the Giant Tomato seed I raised the greatest crop I ever saw. One weighed three pounds, and many two pounds each."—P. J. DIGGS, Mallory, Va.

"The Giant Tomatoes averaged a yield of nearly a bushel to each plant. One vine grew fourteen feet high."—H. D. MUSSEY, Rohrestown, Pa.

"One plant of Giant Tomatoes grew over eight feet high. The best cluster was seven tomatoes, weighing six pounds, all ripe at one time."—WM. YATES, Titusville, Pa.

"Your Giant Tomatoes are immense. I have them weighing $2\frac{3}{4}$ pounds, and the people all say they are wonderful."—GEO. R. BOOTH, Ludlow, Mass.

"The Giant Tomatoes are wonderful in size and fine quality. One fruit weighed three pounds and one ounce."—C. H. COX, Baseobel, Pa.

"It is a pleasure to see your Giant Tomatoes grow, and any person can well be proud of them. They are mammoth in size and wonderful in tall growth. I have some specimens measuring 16 inches in circumference and over 6 inches in diameter. Fine flavor and better than I thought they could be. You cannot recommend them too highly."—MRS. WM. CRABBE, West Branch, Cal.

Price of Giant Bismark Tomato Seed.—I will send a packet of seed for 10 cts., three packets for 25 cts., seven packets for 50 cts. To Agents I will send Twenty Packets by mail post-paid for One Dollar. Agents can do well selling this seed. Address all orders,

FRANK FINCH,
Lock Box 2, Clyde, N. Y.

Finch's Perfection Pea.



FINCH'S PERFECTION PFA.

If you want a mess of the SWEETEST and RICHEST FLAVORED Peas on your table several days before your neighbors even think of picking theirs, then I say by all means sow some of my Perfection.

This pea is earlier than American Wonder, and as early as the earliest of the Hard Round peas, and the very earliest of all the sweet wrinkled peas. The vines grow about 18 inches high and need no bushing. After a trial of the best early sorts I have selected this pea as the EARLIEST and SWEETEST. The proper thing to do is to sow the Perfection for the VERY EARLIEST, and the American Wonder for a second early, and also late pea. Packet, 10 cts.; pint, 30 cts.; quart, 50 cts., postpaid.

Genuine Sure-Head Cabbage.



GENUINE SURE-HEAD CABBAGE.

This popular cabbage is rightly named Sure-Head, and never fails to make a remarkably fine, solid, large head, with few outer leaves, as shown in our illustration, which we have had engraved from a photograph of one taken from our field. It originated some years since with a practical market gardener by crossing the flat Dutch and Drumhead varieties, and has always brought the highest price in our market. It is a strong, vigorous grower, ripening late for a main crop, and very uniform in size and color. Pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts., 25 cts.

French Asparagus Bean.



FRENCH ASPARAGUS BEAN.

This bean was first imported from France, where it is said to be very popular. The pods are of a beautiful green, growing from 15 to 20 and often 30 inches in length, and are produced in great abundance as shown in the illustration. I have grown them as a curiosity only, but Mr. John Damon, a prominent gardener of Darby, Philadelphia, says: "I have grown all varieties of beans, and I consider the Asparagus Bean the most delicious, productive and best I have ever had." Pkt., 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.

Japanese Climbing Cucumber.

This cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the length of ordinary varieties. The vines climb readily, and they may be grown on fences, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. The fruits are of a fine, lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh thick and firm and of splendid quality. Never bitter and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew, and the fruit being raised well above the ground is always free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely, a vine will continue bearing during the entire season, and one hill will keep a good sized family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer.



JAPANESE CLIMBING CUCUMBER.

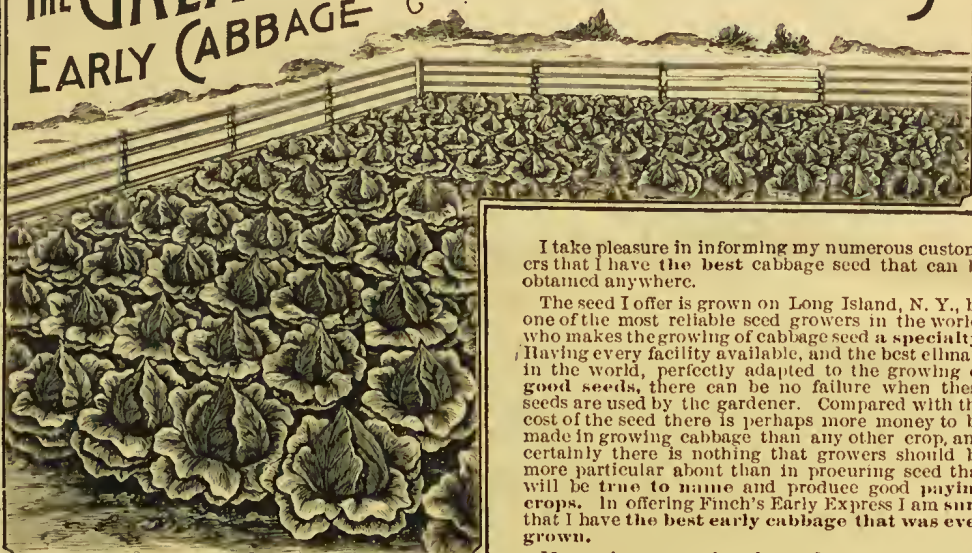
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FINCH'S EXPRESS CABBAGE

ALWAYS HEADS AND ALWAYS SOLID HEADS

THE GREATEST & MOST PROFITABLE FOR MARKET GARDENERS

EARLY CABBAGE



I take pleasure in informing my numerous customers that I have the best cabbage seed that can be obtained anywhere.

The seed I offer is grown on Long Island, N. Y., by one of the most reliable seed growers in the world, who makes the growing of cabbage seed a specialty. Having every facility available, and the best climate in the world, perfectly adapted to the growing of good seeds, there can be no failure when these seeds are used by the gardener. Compared with the cost of the seed there is perhaps more money to be made in growing cabbage than any other crop, and certainly there is nothing that growers should be more particular about than in procuring seed that will be true to name and produce good paying crops. In offering Finch's Early Express I am sure that I have the best early cabbage that was ever grown.

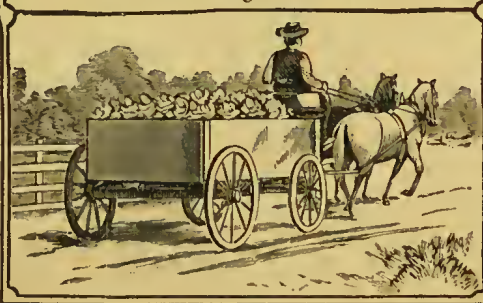
If you have ever bought seed that was recommended to produce extra early heads, perhaps you got early heads (such as they were), but you did not like the small, loose heads, and they were not satisfactory.

The heads of Finch's Express Cabbage are not small, loose heads, but are of good size, and hard and fine grained and heavy, and they come so early that you can have cabbage on your table long before your neighbors even think of cutting theirs. The illustration shows how they appear when growing, and the picture showing one-half a head is true and just as one of the heads look when cut in half. The picture at the foot of the page shows an enterprising gardener driving to town with a load of the Express Cabbage and getting a good price for it before his neighbors have theirs ready. Finch's Express is not only an extra early sort but it is equally good for the winter; being a good keeper it can be grown for winter and prove as satisfactory as many of the later varieties.

CAUTION—Other dealers are offering seed under the name of Express, but it is not the same as Finch's Express, it does not produce as large and solid heads. **Price of Seed**—Large packets, 10 cents. I sell Four packets which will contain about one ounce of seed for 25 cents.

This will produce about 3000 heads of cabbage which if sold at Five Cents each will bring \$150. Surely it pays to get reliable seed, to start with, and then just think for a moment, \$150 realized from an expenditure of only a quarter. How could you invest 25 cents in any other way where it would bring in such wonderful returns?

Useful Advice to Cabbage Growers—To destroy the green worm that is so destructive to the leaves and heads of cabbage, take one ounce of Saltpeter and dissolve it in twelve quarts of water; then take a short-handled whisk broom, dip it in the solution, and sprinkle the plants well. One application is usually sufficient unless the stuff is washed off by heavy rains. To prevent the turnip flea from injuring the young plants sift fine air-slacked lime or tobacco dust over them as soon as they appear above the ground. Finch's Express Cabbage seed, 10 cents per packet; 4 packets for 25 cents. For genuine seed address

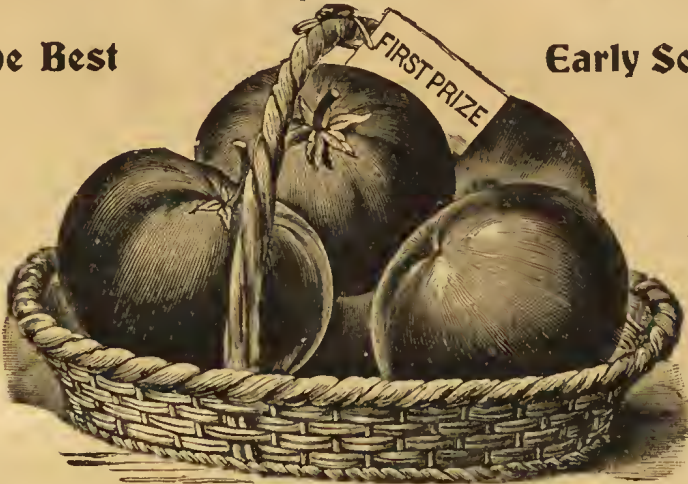


FRANK FINCH, Lock Box 2, Clyde, Wayne Co., N. Y.

Finch's Early Prize Tomato.

The Best

Early Sort.



Some years ago I introduced Finch's Tree Tomato, expending over Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars in bringing it before the public. Everyone admits that it has for years been the leading variety and by all odds the best "All Round Tomato" ever grown.

I now take pleasure in introducing Finch's Early Prize, and can truly say that this Tomato is really one of the most valuable tomatoes ever brought to public notice. There are but one or two sorts now grown that can compare with it in earliness. Besides being extremely early, it has many other good qualities to recommend it. Plants of this variety produce fine large fruits equal to the Tree Tomato, and at the same time they will be ripe and can be shipped to market before the Tree Tomato has hardly commenced to turn its color.

The fruits of this Tomato are very smooth and of superior quality. In point of productiveness one plant of the Prize will produce three times as many fruits as the Tree Tomato.

Packet 10 ets.; three pkts. for 25 ets.

Banana Muskmelon.



This new variety originated with one of our best growers in South Jersey, and is pronounced by him the most profitable variety he has ever grown. He realized an average of twenty cents each for entire crop the past season, as they were eagerly sought after in Philadelphia markets on account of their oddity and of shape and appearance. They grow from 2 to 2½ feet long, are very productive, with deep yellow flesh, of good quality, by many preferred to any other variety, and a great curiosity. Packet, 10 ets.



The roots are elongated, about two inches across at the top, and gradually tapering, but ending abruptly like a stump-rooted carrot. The thin skin and solid flesh are both snow white, crisp, brittle, and of the very best quality. It is a quick growing radish; can be pulled at any stage, and even when large is firm and solid. It makes really good radishes in midsummer, that are not pithy, but crisp and refreshing to the taste. Large pkt., 10 ets.

White Pineapple Squash.

This new variety originated in Southern New Jersey, and has attracted much attention, owing to its peculiar shape, which is well depicted in our illustration. What few have been put on the market here have brought very high prices. The skin and flesh are of a pure, creamy, white color, flesh very fine grained and of excellent quality and flavor, resembling the cocoanut when made into pies or custards. They can be used at any time during growth, and after maturing make an excellent autumn and winter sort. We have kept them for over a year in good condition. They are remarkably strong growers, each vine producing generally from ten to fifteen perfect fruits. Packet, 5 ets.



NEW PINEAPPLE SQUASH.

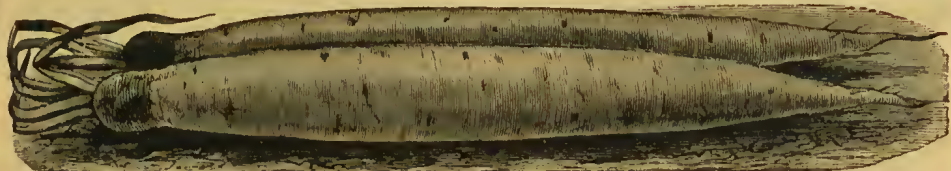
KING OF THE
MAMMOTHS
STILL HOLDS
THE FORT



\$500 CASH FOR HEAVIEST GROWN IN 1905

This is without doubt the **LARGEST** variety of pumpkins ever introduced in this country, indeed no other pumpkin has ever attained such **ENORMOUS** weights and been awarded as many prizes. The flesh and skin of this monstrous pumpkin is of a bright **GOLDEN** color, very fine grained, of **EXCELLENT** **QUALITY**, and notwithstanding its enormous size it is one of the **VERY BEST** pie or table pumpkins ever grown, and is a **SPLendid KEEPER**. These pumpkins have been grown in France to weigh **OVER 300 POUNDS**, and as thousands of my customers have as good, rich soil as there is in France or in any other part of the world there is no reason **WHY** they cannot do as well.

I will give \$5.00 in cash for the largest ripe specimen sent me by the first of September, 1905. Express charges to be paid by the sender. Price of seed 10 cents per large packet; 3 packets for 25 cents.



Sandwich Island Mammoth Salsify.

Until the introduction of this improved variety from the Sandwich Islands, there was in cultivation only one variety of Salsify—the Long White French. By careful tests in our trial grounds the past two years we find that this **NEW MAMMOTH SALSIFY** grows *uniformly* to an extra large size, averaging *fully double* the size and weight of roots of the old variety. The roots, notwithstanding their enormous size, are of very superior quality and very delicate in flavor; it is such a decided improvement that we are quite sure all market gardeners who once try it will use it exclusively. The Salsify is one of the most delicious and nutritious of vegetables and should be more generally cultivated for use in winter, when the supply of really good vegetables is so limited. Per pkt. 10c.; 3 for 25c.

Improved Chartier or Shepherd Radish.



Although this Radish has been grown for some years by market gardeners in Western Pennsylvania as the *Chartier*, and in Indiana as the *Shepherd Radish*, it was only brought prominently to the notice of the general public three years ago. The roots grow to a large size, about two-thirds of the length being of a crimson-rose color, shading off lighter until, at the bottom, they become pure white. They are of quick growth, very tender, and remain of good quality, fit for table use, a very long time. It is undoubtedly one of the very best "all seasons" radishes for open garden culture; it is

ready for use or market nearly as early as the Long Scarlet, and keeps crisp and tender for two months, not becoming stringy when large, as do most other radishes. Our field of these Radishes, growing for seed the past season, was much admired, as even mammoth specimens, upon being pulled, were found solid and tender. Large packet, 1500 seeds, 10 cents; three for 25 cents.

King Humbert Tomato.



As shown in the illustration, this Tomato somewhat resembles a large plum in shape; in size it is 2 to 2½ inches long, by 1½ to 2 inches wide. It matures very early and is very prolific, growing in clusters of six to nine fruits. The fruit is of a beautiful rich scarlet color, very smooth and glossy, while it is so very heavy and solid that the Tomatoes will keep in fine condition for over a week. It has very few seeds. In flavor this variety is quite distinct—the Tomatoes being of a rich, fruity, apple flavor—and the originator in Italy, speaking of the good quality stewed, said they make "good apple sauce." Per packet, 10 cents; 3 packets for 25 cents.

Siberian Cucumber.



Absolutely the earliest Cucumber known. A startling surprise for market gardeners; nothing like it ever seen in a cucumber. Think of it—cucumbers five inches long, grown in the open ground from the seed in fifty-five days. In our trial ground tests the past season, the seed was planted May 24th, same time as forty-eight other varieties. On July 18th it was the only cucumber with fruit set, and on this date had cucumbers five inches long. It is also a splendid free-bearing variety, and for early forcing purposes or for slicing it is the most valuable addition ever made to our list of Cucumbers. Market gardeners and those who wish the earliest variety (and when we say the earliest, we think the truth well told is enough) will find in our "New Siberian" something that will fill the bill. The size of this new Cucumber is medium, and what a critical gardener would call just right. Always grows straight and smooth. Flesh extraordinarily tender and smooth. Take our word for it and include a packet of "Siberian" in your order. Large-size packet, 300 seeds, 5c.;

New Giant Pascal Celery.

The illustration shows its handsome appearance, surpassing all other varieties in this respect; the stalks are remarkably large, thick, solid and entirely stringless. It is the largest celery grown as regards width and thickness of stalks.

When fully grown the outer stalks average 2 inches wide and are nearly as thick as a man's finger. The immense stalks can be sliced lengthwise and are always very crisp and brittle, snapping like glass. Unlike most other celeries, it never becomes watery, and can be eaten when quite small. It is a very vigorous grower; the outer stalks are green but the heart is a rich bright yellow, even without blanching. It blanches very easily, requiring only ten to fifteen days' earthing-up, when the outer stalks present a beautiful clear white appearance. It is the best keeper of all celeries, and is, without doubt, THE CELERY for January and February use. Packet, 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.



Sugar Trough Gourd.

These gourds are useful for many household purposes, such as buckets, baskets, nest boxes, soap and salt dishes, and for storing the winter's lard. They grow to hold from four to ten gallons each, have thick, hard shells, very light and durable, having been kept in use as long as ten years. Per packet, 10 cents.



Henderson's New Bush Lima Bean.

The Greatest Novelty of the 19th Century.



Thousands have been deterred from cultivating the most delicious of vegetables, the Lima Bean, from the great trouble and expense of procuring the unsightly poles which were required on which to grow them. This is now a thing of the past, as the NEW BUSH LIMA grows without the aid of stakes or poles, in compact bush form, about 18 inches high, and produces enormous crops of delicious Lima Beans, which can be as easily gathered as the common garden Bush Bean. The NEW BUSH LIMA is at least *two weeks* earlier than any of the climbing Limas. This fact alone would stamp it as the most valuable novelty of recent years, but when, in addition to this, we realize that it is a true Bush Bean, requiring no supports, some idea of its great value can be realized.

The NEW BUSH LIMA produces a continuous crop from the time it comes in bearing (it is fit for the table in the latitude of New York, middle of July), until frost, and being very productive, a very small patch will keep a family supplied with this splendid vegetable through the season. Large pkt., 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.



The standard winter and market squash, of good size, from seven to nine pounds in weight; shell hard and knotted, color olive green. Flesh rich deep yellow, thick, dry, of fine grain, sweet and delicious flavor. It is an excellent keeper and always commands the highest price in market, and will yield from three to eight tons per acre. When a vegetable like the Hubbard Squash has been before the public for a number of years, and every year increased in popularity with the people, it is safe to assume that the Hubbard must possess merit of the highest order, or it would not be held in such esteem. Our seed is the very best strain, and saved with great care; the quality is always maintained at the highest standard of excellence. Price per large packet, 5 cents.

Emerald Gem Musk Melon.



EMERALD GEM.

Few new vegetables have proved as worthy as this. It is indeed the *finest of all Melons*. Its color is dark green, with most beautiful salmon-colored flesh. Medium size, round, and very prolific. Its flavor is delicious and sweet beyond description. It is so rich and juicy that it nearly drops to pieces, and is best eaten with a spoon. We can say nothing which will convey a true idea of its delicious quality. It must be eaten to be appreciated. Do not fail to plant this grand Melon. Large packet, 5 cts.;

Finch's Extra Early Tree Tomato.

When I introduced the Tree Tomato years ago I told the public that I had a tomato well worth growing, and I showed my faith in the tomato by expending over \$25,000 in cash bringing it prominently before the public. I have sent this seed to Hundreds of Thousands of farmers and gardeners in every part of the United States, and Foreign countries, and have introduced it in more than Fifty Thousand homes in one season. As a result I have the assurance of the best authorities in gardening that the Finch Tree Tomato has for years been considered "the best

all round tomato in cultivation." This Tomato bears abundantly of good fair sized fruits, of a beautiful red color, which are always very smooth, and of delicious flavor. The plants have a very strong stiff stalk which keeps up the fruit without any support, although when heavily laden it is a good plan to use a stake to each plant.

Next to Finch's New Prize (which is really the Earliest and Best Tomato), the Tree Tomato is one of the most desirable varieties in cultivation to-day. Packet, 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; 7 pkts. 50 cts; 15 pkts. for \$1.



The Seminole Watermelon, of which the above is a fair representation, is oblong in shape, smooth and beautifully proportioned; it is of two colors—gray and light green; the latter seems to be just a darker coloring of the former; the gray color greatly predominates. Melons of both colors are found on the same vine. Melons of both colors are exactly the same in shape, size, color of seed, flavor, etc. This new melon possesses four qualities which will make it the most popular melon ever offered to the public. It is *extra early, extra large, enormously productive, and of most delicious flavor.* It is in all respects a perfect melon. Large packet, 5 cents.



Decidedly the finest variety of Parsnip ever grown. It is strictly a table variety, and a wonderful improvement on the old sorts, and one of the most profitable to grow. The roots do not grow as long and slim as the Long Smooth, but are of a greater diameter and more easily gathered. The roots are very smooth and handsome: the flesh is fine grained and of most excellent flavor. My customers cannot help but be pleased with it. Large size packet 10 cents; three packets for 25 cents.



In offering this large and beautiful cucumber to my customers, I wish to say that I have sold over 54,000 packets in one season, and never yet have I received one word of complaint from any of my customers regarding it. Indeed, they all express themselves as being well pleased with it. They grow from eight to twelve inches in length, are very productive, and of fine flavor, being always *firm and crisp.* Large size packet, 500 seeds, 5 cents.;

Mammoth Golden Queen Pepper.

This is not only the best and most profitable mild pepper in cultivation, but is by far the *largest, handsomest and most productive of all varieties*; originated on our own grounds, growing to *twice the size of Golden Dawn*, and averaging a third larger than Ruby King, of the most perfect shape and uniform large size. The above illustration we have had made from a photograph of a single bush. They grow from fifteen to twenty perfect fruits, from eight to ten inches long, and four to five inches through on a single plant. In color they are bright, waxy



GOLDEN QUEEN PEPPER.

golden yellow, and so mild in flavor they can be eaten like tomatoes, with pepper and vinegar. Our best market gardeners say they sell in market at *double the price* of any other sorts, and are exceedingly valuable for stuffing as mangoes. I have sent thousands of packets of this pepper to my customers living in all parts of the country during the past few years, and never yet remember of receiving a complaint from one of them. If you want to be astonished, try the *Mammoth Golden Queen*. Pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. 25 cts.

New Succession Cabbage.



NEW SUCCESSION CABBAGE.

New Succession Cabbage follows ten days behind the Early Summer and differs from that variety in forming heads at least one-third heavier, while at the same time it can be planted nearly as close, as its outer leaves are unusually short and compact for a cabbage forming such a large and heavy head. In about two acres of it which was growing for seed purposes, and examined by three experts, it was pronounced to be the most perfect type of cabbage they had ever seen; every cabbage was headed up, of uniformly perfect shape, large and heavy. Although this variety will be largely grown to come in for midsummer use, it will also be most valuable as a fall or winter variety, as its firm, solid heads make it an excellent keeper. Pkt. 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.

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I send two or more catalogues to some of my best customers, and when I do so it means that I want them to hand the extra ones to their friends, and at the same time speak a good word for my Seeds.

The Brandywine Tomato.



Nothing ever introduced has excited so much comment in so short a time as this magnificent tomato. Although sent out in small packets only, it has brought in hundreds of unsolicited testimonials from customers who tried it, all of whom agree in pronouncing it the largest, heaviest, and most productive of all late tomatoes, as well as the most attractive in form and bright red color. It has been grown to weigh $3\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, and it is nothing unusual to have specimens when ripe weigh *one to three pounds each*, as smooth as an apple and remarkably solid. The name given it was suggested by Thomas H. Brinton, the tomato specialist, of Chadd's Ford, Pa., who has probably grown and tested more varieties of tomatoes than any other person in the United States, who wrote: "The more I see of the Brandywine the more I am pleased with it. It is certainly a magnificent, new, most distinct variety." Price, per packet, 10 cents; three packets for 25 cents.

Spanish King Onion.

Every person who visits our large cities has doubtless noticed the **large, beautiful Onions** offered for sale on the fruit stands every fall.

These onions were originally imported, but since the introduction of this famous variety there is getting to be less need of the imported stock and the demand is being filled by **American grown Spanish Kings**.

They are of a beautiful rich straw color, and grow to enormous size, averaging 10 to 14 inches in circumference, and under favorable conditions attain a weight of from 3 to 4 pounds the first year from the seed; although of such great size, they are very firm. Of the mildest flavor, they are oftentimes eaten as an apple. They have a very small neck, perfectly globe-shaped. When placed on the market they always attract attention and bring two or three times the price of ordinary onions of any other color. They are wonderfully productive and can be grown by any person in any suitable soil. Price per packet, 10 cents; three packets for 25 cents.



Finch's Perfection Lettuce.



The finest variety in the world; does not head, but forms huge, compact, bush-like Plants, which are always very crisp and tender. Especially adapted for private gardens, as only one sowing is required for the whole season. Its superior qualities, combined with its long duration of growth, render it one of the very best varieties in cultivation. I will send one large packet of this Lettuce for 10 ets.; three for 25 ets., and guarantee it will give perfect satisfaction. During the past few years I have sold over 200,000 packets, and everyone who has ever used it says it is rightly named. I think it useless to offer any other, as the Perfection is sure to please every time.



This new variety is undoubtedly the earliest Sweet Corn in cultivation, being about one week earlier than the Marblehead, which, previous to the introduction of this, was generally acknowledged as the earliest. It grows a large kernel and a larger and more marketable ear than the Marblehead, and will soon supplant that variety in our market. It is well worth trial and has but to be tested to be appreciated. Per packet, 10 ets. Pint, 25 ets., potspaid.

Early Barletta Onion.



This is a small, white, flat onion, no larger than a turnip radish and so early that it matures the last of July from May sown seed. It is so mild and delicious in flavor that it is eaten raw with salt like a radish, and is a most wholesome and appetizing relish. It is *fully two weeks earlier* than the early White Queen, which heretofore has been the earliest variety in cultivation. At maturity the tops die down directly to the bulb, leaving the neatest and most handsome little bulbs imaginable. They are of a *pure paper-white* color, *very mild and delicate in flavor*, from one inch to one and a half inches in diameter, and three-fourths of an inch in thickness. Its extreme earliness and fine quality cannot fail to make it a favorite in every garden. Both for table use and for pickling it is most valuable. Per pkt., 1 ets.;

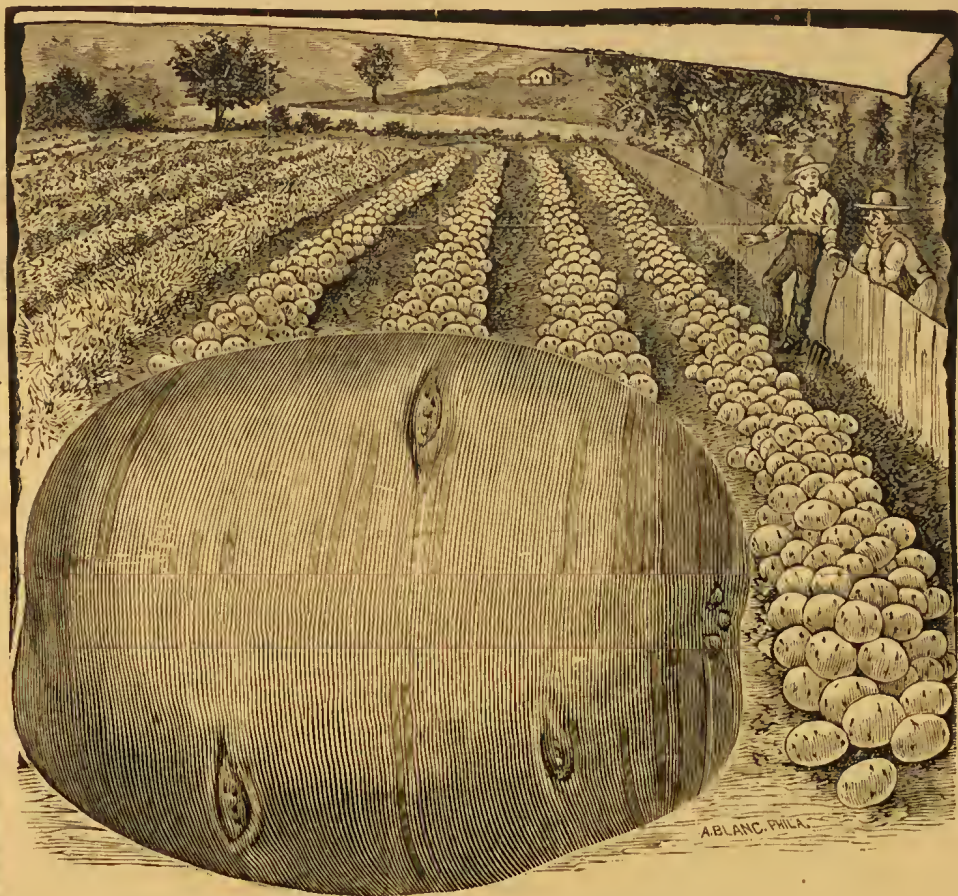
Stokes' Extra Early Melon.



STOKES' EXTRA EARLY MELON.

This new melon is, without doubt, the earliest of all. Our illustration, made from a photograph, shows their shape, which is nearly round, dark green skin, slightly mottled with white. The flesh is deep scarlet, and its delicious sugary flavor is unsurpassed by any other melon. Their average weight is about fifteen pounds. We recommend our customers, one and all, to try this grand little melon, as it is certainly a valuable acquisition. Extra large pkt., 5 ets.

A Profitable Potato to Grow.



Finch's Twentieth Century.

This new and valuable potato, which I had the pleasure of introducing to the public in 1903, is destined to meet with a hearty welcome by the farmers of this country. After shipping this potato to various parts of the United States, I have yet to hear of a single instance where it has failed to give perfect satisfaction. From every one who has planted it comes the word, "Your Twentieth Century is all right." The tubers are handsome, oblong and round in form, skin pure white, dry and floury, and one of the best table potatoes ever grown for a late potato. The vines grow very vigorous, and are nearly blight and insect proof.

This is the potato for the farmer to grow if he wants a big crop from a small space of ground used, and for paying off a debt he can count on the Twentieth Century for a good lot of cash in the fall. There are two ways to make potato growing profitable, one is to grow an Extra Early sort like Finch's Six-Weeks, and get a good price before other sorts are ready for market, and the other way is to grow a later variety which will yield a big crop, which even at a nominal price amounts to a good big sum of money.

There is a great need now for a general purpose potato, one that can be depended upon to produce paying crops under unfavorable season conditions, which so often prevail; one that possesses so much natural vigor that failure is almost impossible.

I have grown this potato on sandy soil which has not received any stable manure in years, and the potatoes grew large and vigorous, and of excellent quality for the table. I have great confidence in this potato and feel sure that every one who plants it once will plant it again. **Price of Seed Potatoes:** For One Dollar I will send potatoes enough to plant One Hundred Hills, either by Express or by Mail, all charges prepaid. By freight, bushel, \$2.50; barrel, \$5.00. By Express, one peck for \$1.10; ½ bushel, \$1.75.

With good cultivation one peck will produce from five to ten bushels of fine potatoes. I once grew 345 pounds from 4½ pounds of seed in my garden, no phosphate or extra cultivation.

The Twentieth Century is a far better yielder than the potato I used in that test. One dollar and ten cents invested in a peck of these new potatoes will give the reader a good start of the seed (from five to ten bushels, or enough to plant from one-half to over an acre), and prove one of the best investments they ever made. Remit by P. O. Money Order, Express Money Order, or by Registered Letter. Address plainly,

FRANK FINCH, Lock Box 2, Clyde, N. Y.

EARLY 6-WEEKS POTATO.

**A CROP
43 DAYS
FROM
PLANTING
RAISED FROM
40 EYES
BY
ONE OF OUR
CUSTOMERS.**



Illustration of a Crop 43 Days from Planting.

I send you to-day by freight the product of forty hills of Six-Weeks Potatoes. They were dug last night and this morning, and grew in forty-three days. They were grown from one-eyed seed. I have just begun farming on my own land, and am not fixed yet for pushing a crop of early potatoes. They were covered with a breaking plow and given very ordinary treatment. Think I can beat it next season. Several people who saw them were astonished. I expect to exhibit at our county fair.

JOHN L. SAUM, Paulding Co., O.

I bought of you last spring two barrels of your Early Six-Weeks Potatoes. Planted them about the last of March; about the time we finished planting we had about six inches of snow. Three of my neighbors planted the same day, Early Rose and Early Ohio. My Six-Weeks came in from ten days to two weeks earlier than any.

J. M. ENSLOW, Cabel Co., W. Va.

The Early Six-Weeks Potatoes are all you claim for them. They are very early and good yielders. Planted them the 19th of April, and the last of June (six weeks) they were ready to dig, and good size, too; no marbles. A. FENTON, Monroe Co., N. Y.

Those Six-Weeks Potatoes were true to your statement. In just six weeks from planting dug good-sized potatoes.

E. W. ANTHONY, Houghton Co., Mich.

Our County Fair has just closed, and I must tell you what they done with the Six-Weeks Potato. I took all the premiums (two) in competition with many of the leading new kinds, and all fine at that. They were popular at our fair.

J. W. BAKER, Bureau Co., Ill.

Out of seventeen kinds of potatoes planted, your Early Six-Weeks were superior to all in quality, size, and earliness. I really think they are the best potato on earth.

C. CARROLL, Pipestone Co., Minn.

We have got it this time—I mean the best early and the earliest potato in existence. We had the early Six-Weeks Potato large enough for the table in six weeks from planting. They outyielded all our other varieties.

AUGUST BROENKNER (Gardener), Allegan Co., Mich.

I would give hundreds of dollars to control the growing of the Early Six-Weeks Potato for this market, as they can be put on the market two weeks ahead of any other sort, which means hundreds of dollars profit to a large grower.

W. HENRY MORRIS, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio.

'Tis now six weeks and five days since I planted the Six-Weeks Potatoes. They did not sprout very quick, but they have nice, large tubers on them. Are the earliest potato I ever saw. I thank you a thousand times.

C. L. RICEL, Armstrong Co., Pa.

The early Six-Weeks are grand. We had fine potatoes in six weeks from planting; dry and mealy as old potatoes. Early Ohio came three weeks later.

L. S. JOHNSON, Clearfield Co., Pa.

Ten dollars per bushel would not buy my Early Six-Weeks Potatoes if I could not replace them for less. They are the earliest of all, and a heavy yielder. I predict they will be universally grown by market gardeners for early.

JACOB B. STILLSON, Onondaga Co., N. Y.

This Potato will Produce a Fine Crop where Others Fail.

To prove this claim I have only to present to the reader my own experience with the Early Six-Weeks.

In one of our fields we planted several varieties, including the Early Six-Weeks. These potatoes were planted the same day, and on the same kind of soil. After the potatoes were up and got nicely to growing, the tops nearly covering the ground, we had one of the hardest and most destructive hail storms that ever swept over this part of the country. The potato tops were all cut to pieces, and laid so flat on the ground that the whole field had the appearance of being run over by a heavy land roller.

After a while the tops started to grow again when they were struck with the blight, and it seemed that now the work of destruction was complete. My first thought was, not to bother to dig any of this field, but as potatoes were a failure in this section and bringing 70 cents per bushel, I concluded it would more than pay for the work in digging.

My men dug over the field and carefully measured the yield of the common varieties (which were the size of hens eggs), and found they averaged just 27 bushels to the acre.

The Early Six-Weeks were on one side of the field and came last. Imagine our surprise when we commenced digging these potatoes to find that they were nearly full grown, great nice large tubers. We thought under the circumstances the quality could not be very good and tested some on the table, and now we were surprised again to find that they were the best potatoes we had used this season. How this potato could possibly make such a growth, and produce such a fine yield of tubers of excellent quality, under such unfavorable conditions—which nearly ruined all the other varieties—was a wonder to all who saw them harvested. My experience with this great potato proves that it is the quickest grower, and the greatest wonder of any potato that I have ever grown.

When Grover Cleveland was president I furnished him with a supply of seed potatoes for his private garden, and during the month of March, 1903, I received from both President Roosevelt and John D. Rockefeller, an order for a supply of the Early Six-Weeks potatoes, to be sent to Oyster Bay and Pocantico Hills, N. Y. If my Six-Weeks are good enough for the President of the United States and Mr. Rockefeller, who is the richest man in America, it seems to me they ought to please the most critical.

Finch's Early 6-Weeks Potato



Enterprising farmers and market gardeners, what could you afford to give for potatoes that will produce fine, large, beautiful tubers in Six to Eight weeks from planting (which is two or more weeks ahead of the ordinary sorts grown by farmers), if you knew they would positively produce such results? Well, we will say to all who are fortunate enough to receive this catalogue, that Finch's Early Six-Weeks Potato will do all this. This Potato is worth its weight in gold for a start of seed to many market gardeners, as with it they can get the fancy prices before other kinds come into market. The originator says: "They have created so much excitement in my neighborhood that I could sell my whole crop to my neighbors at a fancy price. The tubers are medium to large in size, oblong to round in shape, light flesh-colored skin, white flesh, very smooth shape, eyes even with the surface. The potatoes begin to form when the vines are only a few inches high. The top and tubers grow rapidly, and at six to eight weeks from planting are of a fine marketable size. They grow so rapidly and mature so early that the potato bugs have no chance at all, making their crop, if planted early, before the young bugs become numerous, while for yield they are wonderful, considering their extreme earliness. They yielded on the farm of the originator 320 bushels per acre."

"One peck of Six-Weeks Potatoes yielded 16½ bushels of as fine potatoes as I ever saw. There is nothing in this section to come up to them, and they are ready sale at \$3.00 per bushel. I dug them the 16th of June."—JOHN F. GRENVILLE, Niagara Co., N. Y.

"You cannot praise the Early Six-Weeks Potato too much. Gardeners should not think of doing without them. I dug fifty bushels off ½ acre, beginning six weeks from planting, which averaged me 50 cents per peck. They are wonderful."—G. R. LIXON, Madison Co., Ill.

PRICE OF SEED POTATOES.—I will send potatoes enough to plant fifty hills by mail, postpaid, for 60 cents. For One Dollar I will send (charges prepaid) potatoes enough to plant one hundred hills, either by express or by mail, whichever I find will be the cheapest way to reach you. If you are willing to pay the express charges yourself, say so in your letter, and I will send you 12 lbs. of the seed. No order filled for less than 60 cents. Remember, I guarantee the seed to reach you in good condition, and every eye to grow.

Prices by Freight
—Bushel, \$3.00. Barrel, \$6.00.

By Express—Peck for \$1.10. One-half bushel, \$2.00.

Remit by Post Office Money Order, Express Money Order, or by Registered Letter.

Address plainly,

FRANK FINCH,
LOCK BOX 2,
CLYDE, N. Y.

**A CROP SIX WEEKS FROM PLANTING
THIS IS NOT A FANCY PICTURE BUT AN ACTUAL REALITY**



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A great many of my customers desire to buy two or more barrels of my Seed Potatoes. When a larger quantity than a single barrel is wanted I can name a Special price, which will be quoted on application.

Golden Self-Blanching Celery.



This new variety, first introduced to the American public in 1884, we can recommend to our friends and customers with great confidence. It is pronounced by all market garden patrons who have grown it, the *very best celery in cultivation*. Unlike other self-blanching varieties, it is a *perfect keeper*, fully equaling Golden Dwarf, Boston Market and other varieties, which are celebrated for their keeping qualities. Our illustration above will give some idea of its *handsome form*, growing to very

large size, but very stocky and robust. The stalks grow vigorously with large ribs, very thickly and closely set. It is *entirely self-blanching*, without any banking-up or covering whatever, even the outer ribs assuming a yellowish-white color of a very fresh and pleasing appearance. The heart is of a *beautiful golden yellow*, very large, crisp and solid, and unsurpassed in *delicious quality and flavor*. It is *undoubtedly the best Celery in cultivation* for use in October, November and December. Packet, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

New Rosy Gem Radish.



This Wonderful New Radish has won golden opinions in all sections of the country. The illustration is perfect from nature, and will give some idea of their great beauty. It is absolutely the earliest radish in cultivation. Their shape is perfectly globular, with rich deep scarlet top, blending into pure white at the bottom, exceedingly tender, crisp and delicious, never becoming hollow or pithy, equally desirable for either the market or home garden, and should be planted by everyone. Large packet, 1500 seeds, 10c.; 3 for 25c.

New Celestial Pepper.



NEW CELESTIAL PEPPER.

This new Pepper, from China, is so beautiful in growth that it deserves a prominent place in *The Flower Garden*. The plant sets its peppers very early and continues until frost, *branching freely* and bearing most profusely. Up to the time they are fully ripe they are a *delicate creamy-yellow color*, then suddenly changing to an *intense vivid scarlet*. They are all carried upright, and the *brilliant contrast in colors* makes a plant loaded with fruit, part of one color and part of the other, an object of the most striking beauty and oddity. The peppers are of superior quality, of a clear, sharp flavor. Mr. J. C. Stewart, Mantua, Ohio, sent us a single plant, on which we counted *four hundred and eighty perfect red and yellow peppers*. Per packet, 10c.; 3 for 25c.



ECLIPSE.

The Eclipse is remarkable, not only for its wonderfully rapid growth, but also for the smallness of top and extra fine quality. It is fully as early as the Egyptian, and of better quality. The roots grow perfectly smooth, of round shape, intense blood-red skin and flesh, fine grained and sweet. Its small top, extreme earliness, and heavy cropping qualities, recommend it to market gardeners. Large pkts., 5 cts.

DO NOT FORGET TO REMIT BY POSTAL MONEY ORDER.

When you send to me for seeds I wish you would procure a Postal Money Order. Nearly every post office of any account in the United States has been made a money order office, and the fee, **THREE CENTS**, for any amount up to \$2.50, is so small that there is really **NO EXCUSE** for a person to send in any other way. To register a letter costs eight cents, and it is no more safe than a money order, and a New York Draft costs at least ten cents, so you will **SAVE MONEY** by getting a Money Order. As a special inducement for you to remit by Postal Money Order, I will put in **FREE** one ten-cent packet of seeds, if you will remit in that way. This will **OBLIGE ME** and ought to **PAY YOU**.

FINCH'S SNOWBALL CABBAGE



FINCH'S SNOWBALL CABBAGE.

This new and valuable variety which I have the pleasure of offering to my customers is entirely different from anything I have ever offered them before in the cabbage line.

Finch's Snowball Cabbage grow very compact, large, round, solid heads, of snowy whiteness, weighing all the way from eight to ten pounds each, and with extra cultivation and very rich soil they sometimes grow to weigh from twenty to twenty-five pounds.

As a shipping variety this cabbage is very valuable, the solidity of its round heads, whether large or small, and its snowy whiteness, makes it particularly attractive as a market variety.

It has stood the test by prominent growers in different localities, and proves to be an excellent keeper and free from rot.

This cabbage grows quick, is sure to head, is of good size, and of very fine flavor, and will make friends with those who are fortunate in getting a supply of the seed.

Every order for seeds should include at least one packet of the Snowball Cabbage. Packet, 10 cents; 3 pkts., 25 cents.

Tennessee Sweet Potato Pumpkin.



Of medium size pear-shaped, a little ribbed, color creamy-white, lightly striped with green, flesh thick, creamy white, remarkably fine-grained, dry, brittle, and of most excellent flavor. Hardy, very productive, and keeps perfectly sound until late in the spring. It speedily becomes a general favorite wherever it has been introduced. Unsurpassed for making pies and custards.

When cooked it has somewhat the appearance of sweet potatoes, but of more delicious taste. It is very distinct, and a valuable acquisition. Our stock of seed is grown with special care. Do not confound the Tennessee Sweet Potato Pumpkin with any other so-called Sweet Potato Pumpkin, as a common field pumpkin is sold under the same or a similar name. Packet, 5 cents.

Ruby King Pepper.



This variety has attracted much attention and is unquestionably the largest and handsomest red pepper now in cultivation.

They grow to a larger size than the Spanish Monstrous, and of different shape. The fruits are from five to six inches long by three and one-half inches through, of a bright red color. They are remarkably mild and pleasant in flavor, having no fiery taste whatever. Single plants ripen from eight to ten fruits, making them both productive and profitable. Packet, 10 cents.



Johnson's Christmas Watermelon.

One of the most valuable and distinct varieties of Watermelons ever introduced. The originator says: "Our extensive experience in the growth of all varieties of watermelons for seed enables us to assert that Johnson's Christmas Melon will, when fully introduced, supersede all other known melons for shipping and keeping purposes. Since the original melon was discovered we have each year enjoyed one of these melons for both a Christmas and New Year's dinner, when, after being kept in our cellar for a period of three months, they cut open as fresh and delicious as the day they were picked." Their valuable keeping and shipping qualities are due to a peculiar hard, tannaceous coating or outside enameling of the skin, which also gives them an exceedingly handsome and fresh appearance, even after being kept or allowed to remain on the vines for months after ripening. Notwithstanding the rind is quite thin, these melons have been dropped from a height of four feet without breaking or bruising. The flesh is of a beautiful rich scarlet, very solid, and of delicious, sugary flavor. Seeds are few and of a drab-white color. Large packet, 10 cents; 3 pkts., 25 cents.



So named for its resemblance in shape to a dipper. The capacity varies from a pint to a quart and a half, with handles six to twelve inches long. They are convenient for dipping hot liquids, as the handles do not heat through rapidly. Packet, 10 cts.

Dishcloth Gourd.



FRUIT OF THE DISHCLOTH GOURD.

A Natural Dishcloth, and a most admirable one is furnished by the peculiar lining of this fruit, which is sponge-like, porous, very tough, elastic and durable. Many ladies prefer this dishcloth to any prepared by art. Packet, 10 cts.; 3 pkts., 25 cts.

FINCH'S SURPRISE POP CORN



Of all the novelties ever brought to the notice of the public, nothing has ever been introduced which could for a moment compare with "Finch's Surprise Pop Corn." The reader stops in astonishment as he reads "you plant red and get white," yet every word is true.

Why this great change? No living person has yet been able to explain. One year you plant red corn and harvest white ears, the next year you plant the white corn and harvest red ears.

Another remarkable feature of this corn is that it never mixes, you never find red kernels mixed with the white.

Aside from being a great curiosity, and a wonder, it possesses all the sterling qualities of the best varieties of pop corn.

Every person wishing to test this mystery and wonder of the twentieth century should send 10 cents for a packet of this great corn.



The illustration shows the shape of these Turnips. They are of medium size, very quick growing, and the roots are very smooth, white, with faint green top. The flesh is perfectly white, fine grained, and cooks in only fifteen minutes: remarkably tender and very sweet. It is the finest Table Turnip for Winter and Spring use we have ever seen.

It is good when harvested in the Fall, but its comparative merits do not fully show up till Spring, when other varieties grow plthy, strong and uneatable. Packet 5 cents.



This is the most delicious and handsomest Tomato ever introduced, having an appetizing fruity flavor not met with in any other. The fruit is of uniform size, and resembles a peach in shape, size and color, which is a deep rose and orange amber, beautifully blended, and covered with a delicate bloom or furze like a peach. It is without a rival for eating from the hand, the flesh being of a rich and most delicious flavor. The skin is very thin and can be peeled off like that of a peach. The entire fruit is tender and free from core, even around the stem, and taken in all this is a vegetable which should have a place in every garden. Per pkt., 5 cents.



This splendid variety, which I offer, is in very many respects like Finch's Red Tree Tomato, which has had such a large sale in every part of the country. The manner of growth of its leaves, and its large stiff stalks, which enables it to stand up like a tree, without support of any kind, make it a fit companion for Finch's Red Tree Tomato. Really about the only difference between the two sorts is that the Golden Beauty Tree Tomato bears fruit of a beautiful golden color instead of a bright red. The fruits are medium in size, very smooth and of delicious flavor.

A dish of Red and Yellow Tree Tomatoes sliced and mixed together and put on the table, makes one of the most attractive dishes that can possibly be prepared. When making out your order for seeds do not fail to include a packet of Finch's Golden Beauty Tomato. Packet 10 cents, three for 25 cents.

The Princess.



PRINCESS MUSK MELON.

This splendid melon is quite distinct from most other varieties, and possesses so many good qualities that it should be grown in every garden. The engraving shows their shape, which is nearly round, with heavily netted dark green skin, the flesh being of a rich salmon color and thicker than most melons. The flavor is all that could be desired, being very sweet and luscious beyond description. They ripen early, grow to good size, frequently weighing eight to ten pounds each. The vines grow vigorously, and are very productive, as many as eight perfect melons have been counted on a single vine. After a thorough test of over forty varieties the Princess proved to be the best and richest in flavor of any. Packet 10 cents, 3 packets for 25 cents.

finch's Early Perfection Peas.

If you want a mess of the sweetest and richest flavored Peas on your table several days before your neighbors even think of picking theirs, you can have that pleasure by sowing my Early Perfection. Packet 10 cents, pint 30 cents, quart 50 cents, post-paid.

LOGAN'S GIANT SEEDLING

UNEQUALED IN SIZE, UNSURPASSED IN PRODUCTIVENESS, SOLIDITY, QUALITY AND SWEETNESS.

A GREAT SOLID BALL OF TENDER, DELICIOUS MEAT, WITH VERY FEW SEEDS—THE BEST EVER PRODUCED.

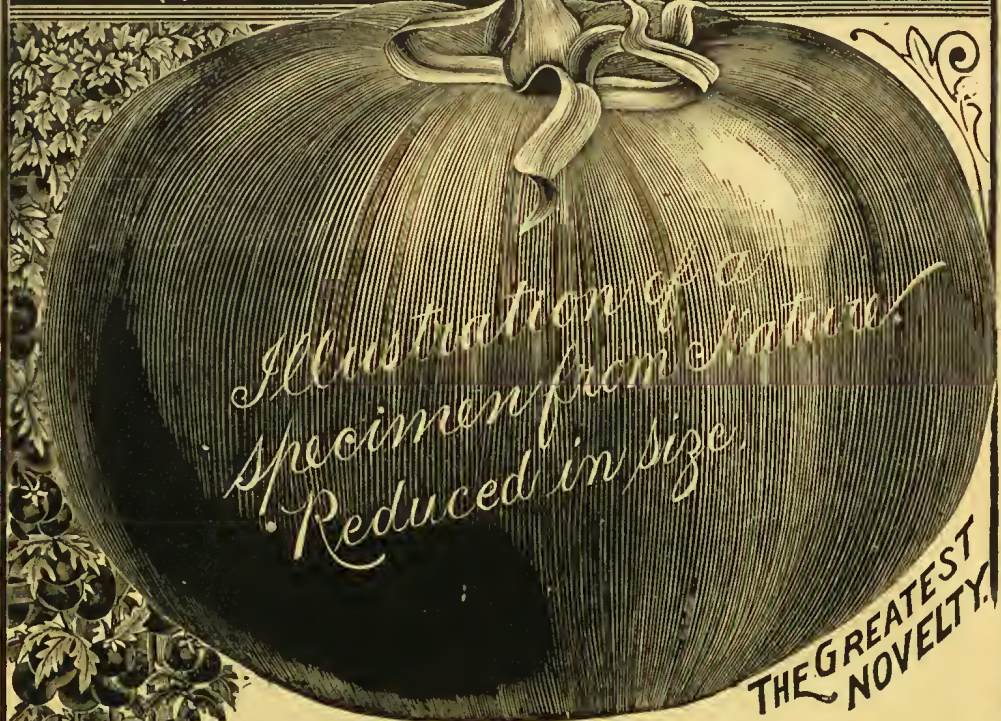


Illustration of a specimen from Nature. Reduced in size.

THE GREATEST NOVELTY.

The Largest, Most Solid, Most Productive, Best Quality.

The few words above describe this great tomato. Others claim wonderful properties, offer prizes to induce big reports, but the Logan's Giant comes out victorious every time. If you think you have tried the largest Tomato, try this one now, and you will see that you did not have the largest and best heretofore. It is not only a comparatively new variety, but we claim for it in point of productiveness, size of fruit, exquisite quality and flavor, as well as early ripening, the best tomato extant. They grow to weigh over three pounds each, and attain the enormous circumference of twenty-one inches. This tomato is not, like many others, one-third seeds and water. They are a great solid ball of tender, delicious meat, with very few seeds. They have frequently sold at ten cents each in competition with other kinds at fifty cents per bushel.

If the vines are trained on a support, they will grow ten feet high, and be loaded with the finest fruit you ever placed your eyes on. Price, 10c. pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Read the following Reports :

We never saw their equal for prolific bearing and size. It is a marvelous sight.—PENNA. FARMER.

The earliest, the largest, the best yielder, the most delicious tomato I ever ate.—KENNEDY COLE, Pa.

I picked sixteen pounds of Giant tomatoes at one picking from one vine.—SAMUEL JOHNSON, Pa.

Two Giants weighed thirty-six ounces each. They are truly wonderful. The Giant tomato grew very tall and fruited very large and prolific, hence, imagine my surprise to find them so solid, sweet, and delicious. The finest I ever ate.—MRS. J. C. HARRIS, Pa.

The Farm Journal, published monthly by the Wilmer Atkinson Co., of Philadelphia, is in my estimation, all things considered, the best paper ever published for the farmer and his family. It contains from 32 to 48 pages every month, and the contents are not spun-out articles, made up with the intention of filling the paper, but everything is "boiled down," and one may find more good common sense in one of its columns than is sometimes found in a whole issue of some farm papers. I have often wondered after reading one issue if there was anything left for the editors to tell the next month, but imagine my surprise in opening the next issue to find even more in the succeeding one. The editor will not receive or publish advertisements from swindlers, and the reader is perfectly safe in buying anything which they see advertised in the Journal, and this is more than I can say for most farm papers. I have made arrangements to send out some coupons for the publishers and I would like to have every one of my customers return this coupon (with the small price) direct to the publishers (not to me), and if after reading the first issue they are not perfectly satisfied I will return them their money out of my own pocket, and I know I am perfectly safe in making this offer as I never knew a sensible person to be dissatisfied with the Farm Journal.—FRANK FINCH.

Mammoth Red Rock Cabbage.

The form of this distinct red Cabbage is shown in the accompanying illustration, which was accurately engraved from a photograph. This fine new variety was originated a few years ago by one of the most successful of Long Island farmers. It is the *largest* and *hardest-heading red Cabbage* in cultivation. The heads weigh from 10 to 12 pounds each, averaging larger than Early Summer, and are very uniform in size, weight, solidity, and deep red color. Long

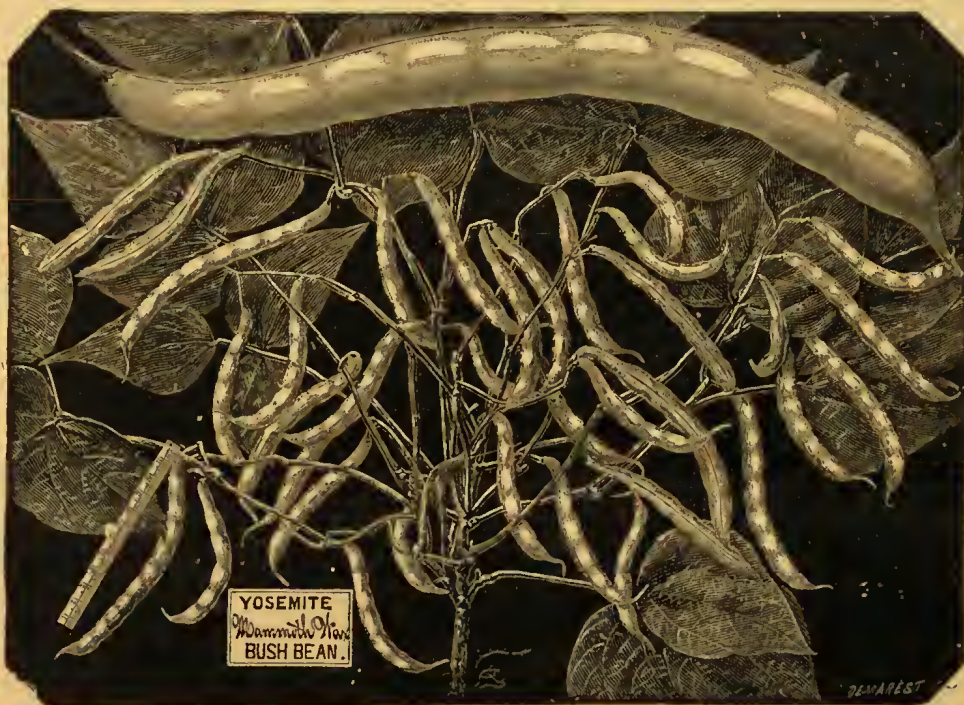


MAMMOTH RED ROCK CABBAGE.

Island cabbage growers have been annually paying as high as \$10 per pound for the seed and will raise no other kind of red cabbage. It is *extra fine* and far superior to the old-fashioned Red Dutch. Every one of my customers who likes Red Cabbage should be sure and include a packet of the Mammoth Red Rock. Per packet, 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.

I will send a packet each of Early Express, Succession, and Mammoth Rock, for 25 cts., and if, after growing them in your garden, you are not satisfied with them in every respect, let me know and I will return your money to you.

Yosemite Mammoth Wax Bush Bean.



This wonderful Wax variety is the forerunner of a race of giants among Beans, and is universally conceded to be *The Novelty of the Season*. The cut is a faithful copy of a photographed specimen, but conveys no idea of its great size and handsome waxy appearance. The pods are nearly all *solid pulp* and *absolutely stringless*, cooking tender and delicious. The monster pods average ten to fourteen inches in length, as indicated by foot-rule shown in cut, and are a rich golden color, making a most handsome appearance either on the plant or on the table. The YOSEMITE combines size, productiveness, and quality in one variety, and is the nearest approach to perfection that nature has as yet given us in Wax Beans. The plant is a remarkably vigorous one, covering the ground with its heavy foliage in such a manner as to shade the earth and keep it moist; and if the pods are kept closely picked, new ones will continue to be produced, and a marvelously large crop will be obtained. Price per packet, 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.

A Packet & of Seed:

What does it mean?

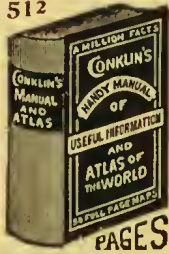
There are several dealers who, in order to get business, are offering Seeds at (seemingly) low rates. Some are offering seeds at from two to four cents per packet, and are putting in less than half the quantity you will find in the packets I send out, besides the quality is inferior to Finch's reliable, as my seeds are carefully grown by experienced growers, and my constant aim is to produce only the very best, while some dealers seem to have but one object in view and that is "To get out a nice catalogue and get your order," not caring so much what they send you. With me it is different, as I do not care to compete with them in getting out a fine catalogue, but I do claim to send out seeds that my customers are satisfied with, and that is what you want, kind reader. Fine colored plates will do to look at, but they will not grow if you plant them, but Finch's reliable Seeds will not only grow,

but they will produce vegetables worth growing, something you will be pleased with, and something you will not be ashamed to show to your neighbors.

To give you some idea of the size of the packets which I put up, I will say that a packet of Cucumber contains about 300 seeds, a packet of Cabbage about 1200 to 1400 seeds, and a packet of Radish about 1500 seeds; other kinds in proportion, and when we consider how small some dealers put up theirs (I have bought a packet of Radish seed from a well-known New York firm the past season who issue an elegant catalogue, and there were less than 500 seeds in it) it is evident to the reader that there is something else to be thought of when you buy seeds besides the price, and that is what you receive for your money.

Conklin's Manual of Useful Information and Atlas of the World

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This is a book of 512 pages, and in trying to describe it I hardly know where to commence, for if I should use up this entire page I would then have more to tell you. I will try and give the reader some idea of the book by saying that it is filled with information of value to mechanics, merchants, editors, lawyers, printers, doctors, farmers, lumbermen, bankers, bookkeepers, politicians, sportsmen, housekeepers, and everybody. It is a compilation of facts for ready reference on two thousand subjects, being an epitome of matters historical, biographical, political, geographical, and of general interest. It has over half a million facts of great value to everyone, besides fifty full-page colored maps, and a description of every country in the world. If you want to know the salaries of state officers in every state, the armies of every nation, navy of every nation, greatest wars since the beginning of time, fastest time made by horses, men, running, trotting, pacing, sailing, railroading, how to measure lumber, weight of different metals and wood, all about all the presidents, population of all the cities and countries, in fact almost every thing you want to know all you need to do is to consult this book. To sum up the whole matter it contains the most matter of general information of any book of its size I ever had in my possession. If you will send me your order for seeds amounting to \$1.15 or over, I will send you a copy of this book free of charge and deliver the same to you post-paid, so it will cost you nothing. I am determined to use my customers so well that they will never have cause to say that "they wished they had sent to somebody else" for their seeds. If you have ever been one of my customers you know that when I make a promise I always stand by it, and being one of the first seedsmen in the country to offer good bargains in the way of seeds, I am determined not to be outdone by any other dealer in existence, i.e., reliable firms, but I will not stoop so low as to send my customers pinched packets of worthless seeds (bought for almost nothing) in order to compete with unprincipled firms who try to make you believe they are going to send you something for nothing, for if you will but stop and think a moment your good judgment will tell you that it cannot be done, and if you lack the judgment to keep you from dealing with such people your experience will soon be your teacher. In conclusion please keep this in mind, Finch's Seeds are reliable, because they are carefully grown by reliable people, who have a reputation to sustain, and who have the disposition as well as the means to carry out to the letter every agreement into which they enter.

Be sure and remember I do not give this book as a Premium on Potatoes; only on Garden Seeds.



The Early Snowball.

Everything considered, this is certainly the best type of Camellia flower in the market. The experience of years shows it to be unexcelled by any variety. If planted March 1st, large sized heads will be produced early in June, about one week earlier than other varieties, and scarcely a single head will fail to form. The outer leaves are short, so that the plants can be set from 18 to 20 inches apart. My seed is the true and only reliable (Henderson) strain. Price, 15 cents per packet; 2 packets for 25 cents.

Chantenay Carrot.

Our trials of this new carrot the past season were very satisfactory, and we do not hesitate to recommend it as one of the very best varieties—of more than usual merit as a table carrot. The illustration correctly represents the shape. It is longer than the Searlet Horn and also broader at the shoulder, hence much more productive. The flesh is of a beautiful, rich orange color and of the very finest quality. The roots are very smooth, fine in texture and easily dug. Large packet, 5 cents.



FRANK FINCH'S GEM COLLECTION OF BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

The following list of Flowers are of a choice kind, and for a constant display of beautiful colors, lasting through the season, they are well calculated to please those who are fortunate enough to obtain them. I offer them **FREE** on certain conditions, and to those who wish to buy them outright I will send the whole collection of nine varieties by mail, postpaid, for only forty cents.

Any person sending me an order for garden seeds to amount of one dollar or over, can have this collection by enclosing ten cents extra.

STOCK, TEN-WEEKS.



colors. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

The Stocks, with their great variety of fine colors and large, beautiful, double flowers, are really one of the most popular, beautiful, and important of our garden favorites, and whether for bedding, massing, edging, ribboning, or pot culture, are unsurpassed either for brilliancy and diversity of color, or profusion and duration of bloom. The Stocks are greatly prized for cut flowers, on account of their fragrance and variety of

DOUBLE PORTULACA.



For brilliant, beautiful, and delicate colors, this charming genus stands unrivalled, and whether in baskets, small beds, edgings, or rockwork, its large, splendid flowers, produced in the greatest profusion, are extremely effective; succeeds best in light, gravelly soils, or mixed with lime rubbish; half-hardy annuals.

Double Rose-flowered.—A perfectly double variety, as much so as the most perfect Rose, and of many brilliant colors, as well as striped. First quality, mixed colors, Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

CARMINE CANDYTUFT.

The Candytuft has long been among the most highly prized of garden flowers, and cultivation has done much in producing improved varieties. The best effect is produced by raising the plants in masses, and the seeds should be sown where the plants are to bloom. The Carmine is one of the most beautiful. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

CAMELLIA-FLOWERED BALSAM.



DIANTHUS.

These flowers are deservedly very popular, as few flowers can equal them in beauty and profusion of bloom. They bloom continually all summer and fall, until severe frost. The seeds I offer will produce very large, double flowers, magnificent in color and variety. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

The Balsam is one of the finest of garden flowers, producing gorgeous masses of beautiful, brilliant-colored flowers in the greatest profusion. The soil in which they are grown should be of the richest possible character. The seed which I offer is a mixture of the very finest colors—White, Crimson, Spotted, Pink, Lavender, Red, Lilac, Purple, Scarlet, Lemon, etc., and cannot fail to please every lover of fine flowers. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

GODETIA.

Very free-flowering, hardy annuals, growing twelve inches in height. Sow seed thinly in shallow drills early in the spring, and when plants are well started thin out to stand twelve inches apart each way. The flowers are cup-shaped, and of very delicate, silvery texture and brilliant coloring. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

DOUBLE DAHLIA.

Every one knows and admires the Double Dahlia, but comparatively few are aware that it can be grown so easily from seed, and flowers so beautifully the first season that the purchase of bulbs is a needless expense. Plants raised from seed will give a wide range of beautiful colorings, and nearly all the plants will produce fine Double Flowers. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

ASTER

Paeony-flowered Perfection.



This has become one of the most popular, beautiful, and effective garden plants, growing from ten to twenty-four inches high. For profusion of flowers and richness of display the Asters are unrivalled and constitute the principal adornment of our gardens during the autumn. Sow the seed early in the spring, under glass or in pots in the house, and transplant into rich soil about one foot apart, according to height of plants. Splendid for bedding border and pot culture. One of the leading cut flowers of the day, because very profitable. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

MAMMOTH VERBENA.



Unrivalled in the splendor of its dazzling brilliancy, the Verbena is the most effective bedding plant in cultivation. The beautiful strain which I offer is nearly twice the size of the ordinary sorts, of very brilliant colors and large, distinct eyes. Packet, 10 cents, or given **Free** on a 30-cent order.

Any person sending me an order for garden seeds amounting to thirty cents, may select **Free** a packet of any of above flower seeds, and if their order amounts to fifty cents they may select two packets. On an order of seventy-five cents, three packets **Free**. A dollar order entitles the sender to select **Free** any five packets of above seeds. Remember, you cannot select a premium on potatoes; only on garden and flower seeds.

The New Petunia

BABY BLUE.

Owing to its dwarf compact growth it is one of the most satisfactory plants to grow in solid masses, or to plant as a border around the beds of other plants. It begins to bloom when only a few inches in height and flowers profusely until the plants are killed by frost late in the fall.

The flowers measure from one to one and a half inches across, and are a soft reddish purple in color when examined closely, but when seen *en masse*, in the strong sunlight, from a little distance appear a lovely blue. The small pure white throat shows as a small white circle in the center of the flower, but this is so small that it does not affect the solidly blue coloring,—except on close examination. The small very dark green leaves form an admirable background for the flowers. Per pkt. 10 ets., or three pkts. for 25 ets.



The

Beautiful Japanese

Kudzu Vine.

An Ornamental and Rapid Growing Climber.
Has been Known to Grow 13 Inches
in a Single Day.

I am quite sure this will be found a highly interesting novelty. It comes from Japan, the land so productive of curious and ornamental flowers. It is a beautiful climber, remarkable for its great vigor of growth and its handsome flowers. The blossoms are large and in panicles somewhat like wistaria, but much larger in size and better clusters. The color is of a pleasing shade of purple. The foliage is large, shaped somewhat like the leaf of a bean; the vine is extremely rapid and dense in growth, making the Japanese Kudzu Vine of great value where a quickly produced shade is wanted. An eminent horticulturist and prominent landscape designer has it growing over the front of his house, and pronounces it a veritable "Jack and the Bean Stalk" vine, having reference to its quick growth. It has been grown and commended by other reliable persons, and I would like my friends who have a place for an ornamental shade vine to give it a trial. It is perfectly hardy, increasing in size and beauty year after year.

When great authorities like Messrs. A. H. Olmstead, Thomas Meehan, and Mr. Watson of the Royal Kew Gardens, speak so highly in its favor in the *Garden and Forest*, and recommend it as the most rapid-growing vine known (sometimes 13 inches in a single day), we can well follow in their foot-steps, and offer the seed to our American friends. Its rapid growth should make it of the greatest value for covering porches, arbors, fences and stumps of trees, and its beautiful appearance should recommend it to all.

Packet, 10 ets.; 3 pkts. 25 ets.

Address all orders plainly,

FRANK FINCH,

Lox Box 2, Clyde, N. Y.



Three Beautiful Flowers that should be Grown in Every Garden



DOUBLE DAISY.

Double Pompon Zinnia.

Few flowers are so easily grown from seed sown in the open ground, or bloom so abundantly and continuously through the entire season as this hardy annual. Those acquainted only with the old-time Zinnias will be surprised at the perfection to which the newer strains have attained. In the Pompon Zinnia we have a very double flower as shown in the engraving. This strain is the acme of beauty and perfection in Zinnias; and is a robust, free grower, furnishing an abundance of fine double blossoms which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for several weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a showing which is very pleasing to the eye. No other plant can fill the place of this beautiful Zinnia. Seed may be sown in the open ground in the spring as soon as the weather gets settled, and the ground gets good and warm. Packet (large size) 10 cts.; three for 25 cts.; seven packets for 50 cts.



SALVIA SPLENDENS.

The Double Daisy.

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossoms very early from spring sown seed. If given a cool, moist, shady location will bloom all summer, even in the south. As pot plants they are charming, and will bloom freely all winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground cultivate exactly as you would Pansies, and next to the Pansy they are the most charming little garden flower. Packet of seed, mixed colors, white, crimson, rose and variegated, liberal size packet, 10 cts.

Snowball Daisy.

This variety is something that will please all lovers of the Daisy, as it is a most charming variety of this handsome little flower.

The plant is covered with very large double flowers of suovy whiteness, on very long stems, making it very valuable for cutting.

Do not fail to give this little beauty (see illustration) a fair trial, it will surely please you. Packet, 10 cts.



POMPON ZINNIA.

Salvia Splendens.

If you have never seen this beautiful plant growing you certainly cannot form a correct idea of its beauty. The Salvia Splendens is a standard bedding plant that keeps the garden bright with color until late in autumn. Under our hot summer sun this "Flame-colored Beauty" is the most gorgeous of all plants. For months the blaze of flaming scarlet is intensely brilliant with great spikes of bloom, completely concealing the foliage. A single plant will carry as many as two hundred spikes of flowers, each ten inches in length. The Salvia is easily grown, and will do well, and bloom profusely in any light, rich soil.

The engraving shows a single plant which grows from two and one-half to three feet high. A hedge of these Salvias is a beautiful sight to behold. They are a blaze of color during the whole summer and fall.

Packet, 10 cts.; three pkts. for 25 cts.; seven pkts. for 50 cts.

SPECIAL.—For 25 cts. I will send a packet each of Daisy, Pompon Zinnia and Salvia Splendens.

New Imperial Japanese

Morning Glories

(Ipomea Triloba.)

The Most Beautiful Annual Flower Introduced in 25 Years and One that Will Be the Most Popular.



THE great variety of rich and delicate colors, tints and markings of these flowers are wonderful and almost incredible. No other flower, not even the Pansy, equals them in this respect. They are of all shades of red, and from the most delicate pink to the most brilliant crimson and maroon, and innumerable shades of blue, from pale lavender to the richest indigo and royal purple; also white, yellow, brown, and many other odd shades. Many varieties have a distinct marginal band of a different color from the rest of the flower, and some are as elegantly spotted with pink, crimson, blue, brown, etc, as the finest Gloxinias; others are striped, blotched, mottled, rayed and shaded in an indescribable manner, often having seven or eight colors and tints in one flower. Nearly all varieties have large pink or crimson centers. Many are of very odd and singular forms; some have the petals separate and distinct clear to the base and resemble large single Pinks more than Morning Glories; others have the tube of the flower bent down on itself at a sharp angle and then bent back again, as though Dame Nature had started to turn it inside out and then thought better of it. Many have scalloped, fringed, frilled, or ruffled edges, some with wide, deep throats resembling choice Petunias. Many have magnificent double flowers of various colors, like double Petunias. The foliage of some of the varieties is almost as beautiful as the flowers, and they would be worthy of culture in any garden, even if they had no flowers. The leaves are of various forms, some ivy-like, smooth and glossy; others very hairy; some are green, splashed and variegated with white and silver gray. Many of the finest varieties have rich yellow or golden-bronze leaves, often splashed, marbled and mottled with white, gray, and green. In a good-sized planting thousands of flowers, expanded at one time, make such an enchanting display of delicate and brilliant colors as to call forth exclamations of surprise and delight from all who see them. The vines of most varieties are of very vigorous and rapid growth, climbing from 15 to 30 feet. They branch freely near the ground and soon cover arbors, piazzas, trellises, fences, walls or buildings with a mass of rich foliage and flowers. They begin to flower in a few weeks after planting the seeds and continue in bloom until killed by frost. I have counted over a hundred flowers open at once on a single vine trained to a pole eight feet high. They are inclined to branch very freely near the ground, and when it is desired to have them climb high all the branches, except five or six on a plant, should be pinched off as soon as they start. Packet, 10 ets.; 3 for 25 ets.

Wild Cucumber Vine.



This is one of the most rapid-growing and free-flowering annual climbers. It thrives even under the most unfavorable conditions. It is especially desirable for the small city yard where many climbers do not do well. It grows very rapidly and will cling or attach itself readily to strings, wire trellis, or other support, and the light-green foliage will afford abundant shade when allowed to run over an arbor or screen.

The vines attain a great height; growing quickly, they begin to bloom early in the season, and by mid-summer are covered with large sprays or panicles of small white flowers. The extremely rapid growth and free-flowering habit of this attractive climber will make it a great favorite in the cottage garden or any where that there is a screen, trellis, or arbor to be covered with foliage and flowers during the summer months. This vine is never affected by the heat of the hot summer days, but retains its fresh and lively green color right through the summer, and is never infested with insects of any kind. After being once sown it will come up every year in the same place. Per pkt. 10 ets.; 3 for 25 ets.

All orders should be addressed to

FRANK FINCH, Lock Box 2, Clyde, N. Y.



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Finch's Mammoth Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors it has no equals.

Start seed early, under glass if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting in the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during the entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas. **Finch's Mammoth Verbenas.** This is a strain of truly Mammoth Verbenas that produce uniformly magnificent trusses of which the individual flowers are all of unusual size, and which also embraces a wide range of color. The individual blossoms are frequently larger than a silver quarter, in fact many are scarcely covered by a silver half-dollar. The flowers are of perfect form and embracing the richest and most velvety colors. The range of colors is great and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are in fact perfectly exquisite, delicate blushes, lavenders, pinks, velvety indigos, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc.

Liberal size packet, 10 cents; 3 for 25 cents.

Sweet Peas.

Sweet Peas are among the most beautiful of all our hardy annuals.

Sow in a sunny place as early in the spring as possible.

Do not wait for fair weather.

Furnish support early. In dry weather water freely, keep flowers picked closely, if you allow them to produce seed pods the plants will soon stop flowering. The finest mixture of varieties that can be made, all colors and tints. Price per oz. pkt., 10 cts.; 3 for 25 cts.



SWEET PEAS.



Marguerite Carnations.

These lovely fragrant carnations produce fine double flowers, of brilliant colors, ranging through many beautiful shades of Red, Pink, White and variegated. Seed sown in the spring commence flowering in about four months, and continue to bloom until frost, and if taken into the house will flower all winter. Packet, 10 cts.

Care in Sowing Flower Seeds.—The soil for a flower bed should be rich. Pulverize the ground and make it (especially the surface) as fine as possible, then sow the seeds carefully and cover lightly with fine moist soil. Very often flower seeds are sown too deep and they never come up, although the seeds may be perfectly good.

Candytuft.

New Giant

Hyacinth-Flowered.

A new variety of great beauty and most desirable for cut-flower purposes, producing a very large, elongated head of quite large pure white florets. The immense broad heads of florets frequently measure six inches in length. Sow seed where plants are to bloom, and keep plants well watered. The soil for the Candytuft should be rich. Packet, 10 cts.



CANDYTUFT.

Finch's Golden Liniment



The Standard Liniment for
more than Thirty Years



FINCH'S GOLDEN LINIMENT has been before the public for thirty-three years, and has been tried side by side with the best preparations ever put on the market, and so far has never met its equal.

In the first place it is carefully prepared from the very **best** ingredients, nothing but the best ever being used.

In preparing this liniment the proprietor never has or never will for the sake of a **saving** in the cost use anything cheap in its composition. Some people who put out liniments use cheap ingredients that they may give a **large** bottle as an inducement for the class of people who are always on the lookout for "**A BARGAIN**" and are looking for **QUANTITY** instead of **QUALITY**. Of course there is another class of people who value a remedy for **ITS REAL WORTH**, and they are looking for an article that is well made, one that will wear well, one that the longer they are acquainted with it the more they prize it.

FINCH'S GOLDEN LINIMENT is prepared for just that class of people, and when it is once used by them they have no use for any other.

There is nothing made to-day which is any more staple than a good **reliable** liniment, indeed there is not a family in the United States which does not really need such a liniment sometime during the year. There are none too rich or too poor to escape accidents or injuries, and in all such cases the demand for a remedy is as sure as the demand for food in case of a hungry stomach.

Finch's Golden Liniment is Used by the Best Horsemen in this Country.

Horsemen who have occasion to use this liniment write and order a supply sent direct to them by Express, and I have been told by horsemen that in case of any soreness they never saw anything which would remove and cure it as does this liniment. In case of Sprains of any kind in horses it is really one of the best things ever used. What applies to the horse is equally applicable to the human race. In cases of Rheumatism this liniment freely applied has worked wonders. Persons troubled with Neuralgia will find the liniment of great value to rub on the face.

For all cases of weakness of the joints, cuts, burns, bruises, old sores, fresh sores, cramps, lameness, pains in the side, chapped hands, chapped lips, sore throat, etc., it is one of the best liniments ever put on the market.

Finch's Liniment is put up and sold at 25 cents, 50 cents, and One Dollar per bottle. To Horsemen I will send Six Dollar bottles for \$5.00.

SPECIAL OFFER! In order to introduce this liniment into every section of the United States as soon as possible, I make this offer: For only 35 Cents I will send a sample bottle to any address in the United States, by mail, postpaid, then if you like it (and I know you will), you can ask your Druggist to order a supply, or I will send you more at any time. Address all orders carefully,

LE ROY FINCH, CLYDE, WAYNE CO., N. Y.

A FEW KIND WORDS FROM FRIENDS.

For the benefit and perusal of those who are unacquainted with me, and my methods of doing business, I give the following kind letters, the first one you will notice being from the late CHARLES T. SAXTON, ex-Lieutenant-governor of the State of New York, a man who was widely and favorably known for his **honesty** and **strict integrity**, a man whose opinion could not be bought.

To whom it may concern:

CLYDE, N. Y., February 16, 1897.

I have known Frank Finch, of this town, for many years. For years he was engaged in the seed business and was very successful. His reputation in this community is of "the best," and I consider him a *reliable* and *responsible* business man.

CHARLES T. SAXTON.

J. L. STACK CO.,
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 23, 1894.

FRANK FINCH, ESQ., Clyde, N. Y.

Dear Sir—Perhaps it would be gratifying to you to know that we have thousands of customers on our books, yourself included, and it just occurs to us that among all our customers there is none whose methods of business have been more satisfactory than yours have been. We regard you, basing our opinion on our past dealings, as an honest, energetic, and clean-cut business man. It appears to us that your straightforward, honest dealing accounts for the wonderful success which you have made with your business in the past few years. We remember when you had but a small concern, and to now think that your business has grown to such proportions, is conclusive evidence that your policy has been "good measure, honest dealing, and faithful service to your customers."

Hoping that your business will prosper in the future as it has in the past, believe us to be,

Very sincerely yours,

J. L. STACK CO.

THE BRIGGS NATIONAL BANK.

CLYDE, N. Y., February 12, 1897.

To whom it may concern:

It is with more than usual pleasure that we give to Mr. Frank Finch, the Clyde seedsman, this testimonial of our high regard and esteem for him, both as a citizen and as a business man. He, like the goods that he sells, comes from good, honest, honorable stock, and the quality has not in the least degenerated in his case. As a citizen, quiet and unassuming; as a business man, prompt, thorough, reliable, progressive, honorable in all his dealings, and entirely worthy the confidence in which he is held, not only at home but with his large and constantly increasing list of patrons. He has kept his bank account with us for many years, and we class him as one of our best customers. We are persuaded that only prompt and honorable dealings could have brought him the large and rapidly increasing business that our account with him shows. We believe that "once a customer, always a customer" will apply in his case.

We wish him the success that his merit deserves.

Respectfully yours,

J. W. HINMAN, Cashier.

N. W. AYER & SON,
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING AGENTS.

PHILADELPHIA, January 1st, 1904.

MR. FRANK FINCH, Clyde, N. Y.

Dear Sir—Prompted by the advice of your recent favor, we have made a little investigation concerning your business record here. It develops the fact that we have been dealing together almost continuously since 1880, when we seem to have received your first order for newspaper advertising. It may surprise you to know that during that time you have paid us **thirty-seven thousand dollars**. Judging from the length and character of our business connection, we presume the investment has been as satisfactory to you as to us. Your credit here has been first class, and whenever newspaper advertising is in order we shall be glad to have your further demands for it.

Very truly yours,

N. W. AYER & SON.



SWEET ALYSSUM.



MIGNONETTE.



DIANTHUS.



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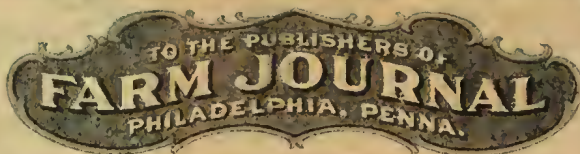
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